Approval of various courses in medical and para-medical field in Kerala

2261. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the competent authority is considering the approval of various courses in medical and para-medical field submitted by private, co-operative and Non-Governmental sector from Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details including number of courses applied, present status of approval etc. for the last two years, year-wise and category-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) On a proposal from Co-operative Academy of Professional Education, Kerala and no recommendations of the Medical Council of India, permission was granted on 27.10.2000 by the Central Government for starting Co-operative Medical College at Kochi. Further five proposals from Private society/trusts for opening new Medical College in Kerala received during August 2001 have been referred to the Medical Council of India for evaluation. Clearance of these proposals depends on the availability of infrastructural facilities and recommendations of the Council thereon. In addition, as per Indian Nursing Council 12 proposals were received from Kerala during the last two years for starting Schools of Nursing and the same have been approved/recognized by the Council. As per Pharmacy Council of India, no formal proposal has been received by them during the last two year for starting Pharmacy Course.